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HLUSA/SCHUYLER COOPERATIVE WORKING AGREEMENT A Cooperative Working Agreement

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ARTICLE 1 - NAME OF AGREEMENT

The full name of this agreement is the HLUSA/Schuyler Cooperative Working Agreement (the "Agreement").

ARTICLE 2 - PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT

The purpose of this Agreement is to authorize HLUSA to charter space and provide equipment to Schuyler in the Trade (as hereinafter defined).

ARTICLE 3 - PARTIES TO AGREEMENT

The parties to this Agreement are:

- Hapag-Lloyd USA, LLC ("HLUSA")
 399 Hoes Lane
 Piscataway, NJ 08854
- Schuyler Line Navigation Company, L.L.C. ("Schuyler")
 130 Severn Avenue #201
 Annapolis, MD 21403

HLUSA and Schuyler are sometimes referred to individually as "Party" and jointly as the "Parties."

ARTICLE 4 - GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE

The geographic scope of the Agreement is the trade between the U.S. Atlantic Coast (Eastport, Maine to Key West, FL) on the one hand and ports in Denmark, Latvia, the United Kingdom, and France on the other hand (all of the foregoing hereinafter referred to as the "Trade"). It is understood and agreed that cargo transported hereunder may originate at or be destined to locations outside the Trade.

ARTICLE 5 – AGREEMENT AUTHORITY

- 5.1 (a) HLUSA is authorized to charter to Schuyler, and Schuyler is authorized to purchase from HLUSA, space for the movement of U.S.-flag cargo in the Trade. The sale/purchase of space shall be on an "as needed/as available" basis unless otherwise provided herein. The Parties are authorized to discuss and agree on the terms and conditions of and relating to such sale, including without limitation terms and conditions relating to the compensation to be paid for such space. Schuyler may not sub-charter space received hereunder to any third party.
- (b) HLUSA is authorized to provide containers (including standard dry, reefer, and flat rack containers) to Schuyler in connection with movement of cargo covered by this Agreement. Such containers may be provided by lease, sub-lease, or interchange. The Parties are authorized to discuss and agree on the terms and conditions on which such equipment will provided, used, and returned.
- 5.2 Miscellaneous. The Parties are authorized to exchange information on any matter within the scope of this Agreement and to discuss and agree upon such general administrative matters and other terms and conditions concerning the implementation of this Agreement as may be necessary or convenient from time to time including but not limited to recordkeeping, responsibility for loss or damage, insurances, liabilities, claims, indemnifications, consequences for delays, and treatment of hazardous and dangerous cargoes.

- 5.3 Further Agreements. The Parties are authorized to enter into agreements concerning routine operational or administrative matters to implement the foregoing, Pursuant to 46 C.F.R. §535.408, any further agreement which does not concern routine operational or administrative matters, or which is not exempt from filing, cannot go into effect unless filed and effective under the Shipping Act of 1984.
- 5.4 Partnership. Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement to the contrary, the rights and obligations under this Agreement are personal to the Parties and nothing herein shall constitute a partnership, association, or joint venture.

ARTICLE 6 – ADMINISTRATION AND DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

- 6.1 This Agreement shall be administered and implemented by meetings, decisions, memoranda and communications between the Parties to enable them to effectuate the purpose of this Agreement.
- 6.2 The following individuals shall each have the authority to execute and file this Agreement and modifications to this Agreement with the Federal Maritime Commission, as well as authority to delegate same:
 - a) Any officer of each Party to the Agreement; and
 - b) Legal counsel for each Party to the Agreement.

<u>ARTICLE 7 – MEMBERSHIP AND WITHDRAWAL</u>

- 7.1 Membership is limited to the Parties hereto, except that additional carriers offering regular service in the Trade may be admitted by unanimous agreement of the Parties and by amendment of the Agreement pursuant to the Shipping Act of 1984.
- 7.2 Either Party may resign from this Agreement at any time for any reason by giving not less than forty-five (45) days' prior written notice to the other Party. In the event that either Party withdraws from this Agreement, it shall remain liable to the other for all liabilities accrued during the term of the Agreement.

ARTICLE 8 – VOTING

All decisions under this Agreement, including any amendment hereto, shall be by unanimous agreement of the Parties. Each Party has a single vote with respect to all matters under this Agreement.

<u>ARTICLE 9 – DURATION</u>

- 9.1 The effective date of this Agreement shall be the date it becomes effective under the Shipping Act of 1984, as amended. The Agreement shall remain in effect indefinitely thereafter unless one Party resigns or it is terminated by mutual agreement of the Parties.
- 9.2 The Federal Maritime Commission shall be promptly notified in writing of any termination of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 10 - NON-ASSIGNMENT

The rights and obligations of each Party under the Agreement shall not be assignable except to subsidiaries, parent companies, or fellow subsidiaries or with the prior agreement of the other Party. Each Party shall warrant that any subsidiary or fellow subsidiary to which any assignment is made shall not be sold to another party.

<u>ARTICLE 11 – ARBITRATION</u>

- or in connection with this Agreement which is not amicably settled by the Parties shall be settled by arbitration. Arbitration shall be held in New York, NY under the rules of the Society of Maritime Arbitration, Inc. then in effect ("Society Rules") by three (3) arbitrators who shall have no financial or personal interest whatsoever in or with any Party and shall not have acquired a detailed prior knowledge of the matter in dispute. Upon agreement among the Parties, arbitration may be held in any other place and/or before a single arbitrator mutually agreed upon by the Parties.
- 11.2 Any Party may call for such arbitration by service upon the other of a written notice specifying a brief description of the disputes, the monetary amount involved, if any, the differences which such Party desires to put to arbitration, and the remedy sought. Within fifteen (15) days after service of such notice, each Party shall appoint an arbitrator and the two arbitrators so chosen shall appoint a third arbitrator (or the Parties may, within that timeframe, agree on a single arbitrator). In the event

either Party fails to appoint an arbitrator within the time provided, or if the two Party-appointed arbitrators are unable to agree upon the third arbitrator, either Party may request the President of the Society of Maritime Arbitrators, Inc. to appoint such arbitrator. The arbitration shall thereafter be conducted under the Society Rules except as expressly provided herein.

- 11.3 For any disputes involving one hundred thousand United Stated Dollars (US\$100,000) or less, excluding interest, costs of arbitration and legal fees and expense, the dispute is to be governed by the "Shortened Arbitration Procedure" unless a Party objects, in which case the Parties shall arbitrate on documents only, as contemplated under section 27 of Society Rules.
- 11.4 The panel's decision, including written findings of fact and conclusions, shall be rendered within the period provided in the Society Rules. Judgment may be entered on an award of the arbitrators and shall be enforceable in a court of competent jurisdiction. The arbitrators may allocate the costs of arbitration, along with reasonable attorney fees, to one or more participating parties in a manner consistent with the award or decision. The arbitrator may not award exemplary or punitive damages and may not order specific performance.
- 11.5 A copy of the decision shall be served by the arbitrators on the Parties.

 Notwithstanding Article 11.1 above, the Parties expressly agree that any award resulting from such arbitration shall be withheld from publication by the Society of Maritime Arbitrators, Inc. and/or its correspondents.

11.6 In the event of any dispute arising under any contract of carriage for cargo transported under this Agreement, the dispute as between the Parties shall be resolved under the provisions of Article 11 and Article 12 notwithstanding any conflicting provision for jurisdiction or applicable law in the contract of carriage, which conflicting provision shall be disregarded.

ARTICLE 12 – APPLICABLE LAW AND SEVERABILITY

- 12.1 The interpretation, construction, and enforcement of this Agreement shall be governed by (i) the law of the State of New York without references to the laws respecting conflicts of laws, and (ii) to the extent applicable, the laws of the United States.
- 12.2 Notwithstanding the foregoing, if any term or provision to this Agreement shall be held to be illegal or unenforceable, in whole or in part, under any applicable enactment or rule or law, such term or provision or part shall to that extent be deemed not to form part of this Agreement but the enforceability of the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected.

ARTICLE 13: COUNTERPARTS

This Agreement and any future amendment hereto may be executed in counterparts. Each such counterpart shall be deemed an original, and all together shall constitute one and the same agreement. This Agreement may be executed and delivered by exchange of email copies showing the signatures of each Party, and the original signatures need not be affixed to the same copy.

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SIGNATURE PAGE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Agreement to be authorized by their duly authorized representatives as of this 21 day of August, 2019.

HAPAG-LLOYD USA, LLC

SCHUYLER LINE NAVIGATION COMPANY, L.L.C.

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Name: Russell Paret

Title: President